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INFANTRY TRAINING, VOLUME II
INFANTRY HEAVY WEAPONS
PAMPHLET No. 24—THE MEDIUM MACHINE GUN
PART II—DRILLS AND TRAINING, 1951
AMENDMENTS (No. 1)

MANUSCRIPT AMENDMENTS

1. Page iv. List of Plates. Line 9. *Delete "Carrier" and substitute "Machine Gun".*
2. Page 17. Para 3. Line 1. *Delete "68" and substitute "66".*
3. Page 18.
Para 13. Line 3. *Delete "96" and substitute "98".*
Para 15(d). Line 3. *After "No. 1" insert "lays the gun,".*
4. Page 22. *Delete para 2.*
5. Page 23. *Delete paras 13 and 14 and side-heading above.*
6. Page 53. Para 7. Line 3. *Delete "70" and substitute "68".*
7. Page 60. Para 15. Line 1. *After "direction," insert "they will be unloaded and cleared, and".*
8. Page 62. Para 4. Lines 1 and 2. *Delete "and two megaphones" and substitute ", two megaphones and two spare parts boxes".*
9. Page 64. Para 4. Line 2. *After "megaphones," insert "two spare parts boxes".*
10. Page 66. Para 5. Line 2. *Delete "and two megaphones" and substitute ", two megaphones and two spare parts boxes".*
11. Page 67. Para 16. Line 3. *After "senior" insert "section".*
12. Page 68. Para 5. Line 2. *Delete "and two megaphones" and substitute ", two megaphones and two spare parts boxes".*

13. Page 70. Para 4. Line 2. *Delete* "and two megaphones" and *substitute* "two megaphones and two spare parts boxes".
14. Page 71. Para 4. Line 2. *After* "lamps" *insert* "and two spare parts boxes".
15. Page 75. Para 15. Line 3. *Delete* "81" and *substitute* "79".
16. Page 80. Plate 14. Caption. *Delete* "CARRIER" and *substitute* "MACHINE GUN".
17. Page 82. Plate 15. Caption. *Delete* "CARRIER" and *substitute* "MACHINE GUN".
18. Page 119. Last line. *Delete* "355" and *substitute* "275".
19. Page 120. Column 5. Sub-para (vi). Line 2. *Delete* "gun".
20. Page 121. Column 5.
Line 2. *Delete* "target of little width" and *substitute* "point target".
Line 3 from bottom. *Delete* "open" and *substitute* "opened".
21. Page 124. Para 5(c). *Delete* lines 1 and 2.
22. Page 130. Line 6. *Delete* "1,400" and *substitute* "1,500".
23. Page 133. Column 5. Line 10. *Delete* "450" and *substitute* "400".
24. Page 141. Appendix V. *Under* "Detailed maximum loads".
Line 4. *Delete* "88 set".

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25-34. *See* Page 3 onwards.

35. Page 126. Para 7 (c). *Delete* lines 1 and 2 and *substitute* :—

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- (c) The platoon commander indicates by means of a director the target to be engaged, and when the fire order has been worked out, he selects the fire controller to be exercised. The

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25. Page vi. *Insert Note at foot of page:—*

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NOTE.—Wherever range corrections of “up” or “down” are printed in this pamphlet, they should be *amended to read* “add” and “drop” respectively.

26. Page 57. *Insert new para 21A:—*

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21A. Explain that if the target has width, after the order “**Stop**” has been given the fire controller will order “**Quarter way in lay**” and the Nos. 1 will lay the guns a quarter way in from their respective ends of the target. The fire controller will order either “**Pick up aiming mark**” or “**Out aiming post**” and the drill at the guns as in paras 11, 13 and 18. The number of taps to be employed will then be ordered, followed by “**Go on**”. When the target can again be seen the drill applies as in paras 15 and 20.

27. Page 61. Para 7. *Add at end:—*

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The gun numbers will act on the section commanders repeating back.

28. Page 62. *Below line 2 insert:—*

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The spare parts boxes will be placed between each section's gun flags.

29. Page 69. *Delete paras 16 (c) and (d) and substitute:—*

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(c) Right 30 minutes. Right arm horizontal and left arm straight above the head.

(d) Left 30 minutes. Left arm horizontal and right arm straight above the head.

30. Page 70. Para 23. *Add at end:—*

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The senior section commander can use the spare rangetaker to note down all orders from the group commander so that he has a record of the switches and elevations ordered.

31. Page 71. Para 9. *Add at end :—*

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Tell the Nos. 3 and drivers to join the spectators, and split them up behind the guns. Issue the fire control charts to the section commanders.

32. Page 72. *Delete paras 9 to 16 and substitute :—*

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9. Bring the guns into action. When the guns have been paralleled, order the Nos. 3 and drivers to join the spectators and split the spectators behind the four guns.

10. Order a switch and elevation, and “Load” and practise the group in a fire order.

11. Order “Stop” and “Rest”.

12. Explain that if the group is required to continue firing on the target after dark the preparations are similar to those for direct fire. The Nos. 3 of the odd sub-section will be sent back to collect the night firing stores.

Send the Nos. 3 back to fetch the aiming lamp and 3 hand-lamps each.

Changing to night firing

13. Explain that the changeover will only entail the following duties :—

The Nos. 1 will check their aims on the aiming posts, and the senior section commanders will order “Unload”, “Clear guns”.

14. Order “Positions”. Tell the Nos. 1 to relay their guns and then order “Unload” and “Clear guns”.

15. When the guns have been reported clear, explain that the senior section commander will order “Out aiming lamps”. On that order :—

(a) The Nos. 1 will close the rear cover.

(b) The Nos. 3 of the odd sub-sections will put out the aiming lamps, secure the boxes, attach the lines to the switches and bring the reels back to the section commanders.

(c) Nos. 1 will then align their lensatic sights on the aiming lamps.

16. Order “Out aiming lamps” and when the lamps have been fitted order “Load” and “Fire” followed by “Stop”.

Changing back to indirect fire

17. Explain that to change from night firing to indirect fire, after "Stop" has been ordered and the Nos. 1 have relaid their guns, the senior section commander will order "Unload", "Clear guns". When the guns have been reported clear "In aiming lamps" will be ordered and the duties are as follows:—

- (a) Nos. 1 close the rear cover.
- (b) Nos. 3 reel in the line and bring in the aiming lamps.
- (c) Nos. 1 align the lensatic sights on to the aiming posts.

18. Order "Unload", "Clear guns", "In aiming lamps".

19. Practise the squad in changing to night firing and back again.

Conclusion

20. Questions to and from the squad.

21. Further practice if time allows.

22. Sum up main points.

33. Page 74. Para 18. Line 1. *After "now" insert:—*

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issue orders as in para 15, and when the aiming lamps are collected will

34. Page 118. Practice No. 3. *Delete* detail in columns 4 to 6 and *substitute:—*

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Aim: To practise the firer in the regulation tap for traversing a horizontal and an oblique target.

- (i) Single shots will be fired.
- (ii) The firer is ordered to traverse from one end of the line, the order "Stop" being given after 5 rounds have been fired. He is then ordered to traverse from the other end.
- (iii) The procedure is carried out first on the horizontal and then on the oblique lines.

(i) *Single shot load.* Before this practice is fired men must be taught how to "single shot load". To do this the gun is half loaded, and the crank handle then pulled back and released but the belt is not pulled. The gun will then fire one shot when the thumbpiece is pressed, and to reload the crank handle is pulled back and released, the belt not being pulled.

(ii) The firer will test his clamp before the practice.

(iii) The shots should be 4 inches apart laterally.

Changing back to indirect fire
 17. Explain that to change from night firing to indirect fire after "Stop" has been ordered and the Nos. 1 have reloaded their guns, the senior section commander will order "Unload", "Clear guns". When the guns have been reported clear "In aiming lamps" will be ordered and the duties are as follows:—

- (a) Nos. 1 close the rear cover.
- (b) Nos. 3 rest in the line and bring in the aiming lamps.
- (c) Nos. 1 align the telescopic sights on to the aiming posts.

18. Order "Unload", "Clear guns", "In aiming lamps".

19. Practise the squad in changing to night firing and back again.

Conclusion

20. Questions to and from the squad.

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